NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thur., June 20, 2013; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting
Franklin Public School Media Center, 1001 M Street, Franklin, NE
STPD-136-4(111) Bloomington-Franklin; CN 70592A
STP-BH-136-4(116) Franklin - Webster Co. Line; CN 71156

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding improvements on U.S. Highway 136 (US-136) in and around the city of Franklin, Franklin County. The meeting will be held at the Public School Media Center, 1001 M St., Franklin, NE, Thurs., June 20, 2013, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

The proposed projects are identified as *Bloomington-Franklin* and *Franklin-Webster Co. Line* and are referred to as 3R (Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation) projects. Both roadways have exceeded their life expectancy and demonstrate wear.

Bloomington-Franklin would begin on US-136 at the west city limits of Bloomington and extend east over four miles to a point just west of the US-136 junction with N-10. The project would resume at the junction of L-31D and N-10 with US-136 and end at a point between 18th and 19th Avenues in Franklin. The project also includes the Franklin Link 31D (L-31D), which connects with US-136. The work on the link connects with US-136/N-10. The slip ramp from US-136 to access L-31D would be removed and the link intersection realigned.

The improvements on this project would consist of widening and resurfacing the existing roadway to 28 feet and include extending culverts, building curbs and drainage flumes where necessary for erosion control, updating guardrail, constructing mailbox turnouts, and grading. Four bridge structures on this project would be modified or replaced as necessary. The roadway on the urban portion of the roadway in Franklin would be milled (a process of grinding off the existing surface) and resurfaced. Sidewalk curb ramps would be built or updated to meet state and federal requirements.

Franklin-Webster Co. Line project would begin on US-136 at the east corporate limits of Franklin, extending east to the Webster County Line. The existing roadway would be widened to 28 feet similarly to the rural portion of the *Bloomington-Franklin* project. The deck and railing of the Thompson Creek Bridge would be repaired.

The proposed *Franklin-Webster Co. Line* project would require the purchase of new permanent property rights for right-of-way (ROW). ROW for the

Bloomington-Franklin project was purchased previously. Temporary construction easements (TE) would also be required during construction. Permanent wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as appropriate.

Construction on the *Bloomington-Franklin* project could begin as early as spring of 2015 and be complete as early as fall of the same year. The *Franklin-Webster Co. Line* project would be constructed the following year. Most of the proposed construction would be completed "under traffic"--meaning without diverting US-136 traffic; however, the *Bloomington-Franklin* project would require a detour during bridge work. Detour information will be available at the meeting.

The public meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, and receive input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by June 13, 2013. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Franklin" link. For further information, contact Kurt Vosburg, NDOR District Seven Engineer, (308) 345-8490, kurt.vosburg@nebraska.gov.

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